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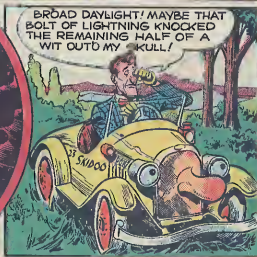
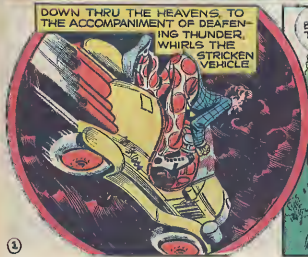
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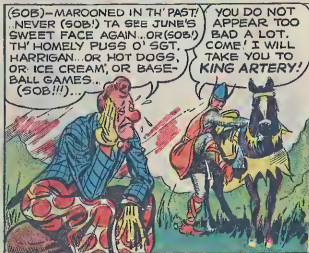
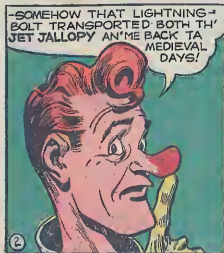
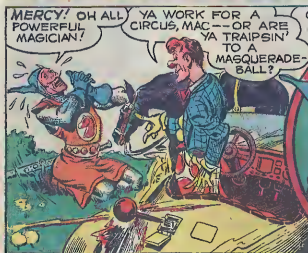
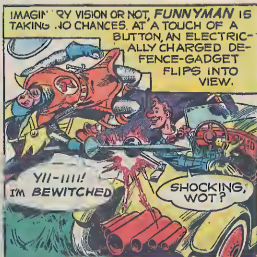
Realistic-looking
Beautifully Colored
Pot of Flowers
Adorns Each Side
of Chalet

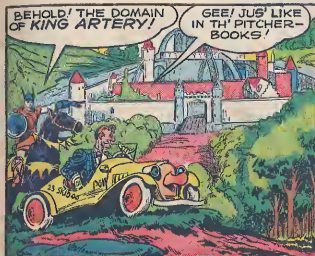


Ornamental
Deer's Head
Is Mounted
Over Clock Dial

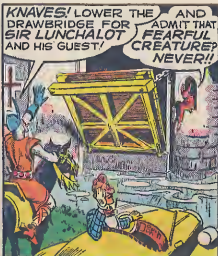


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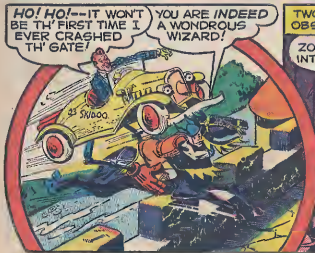




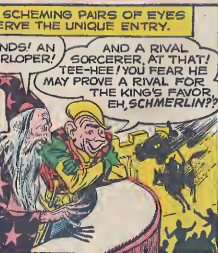
GEE! JUS' LIKE IN TH' PITCHER-BOOKS!



KNIVES! LOWER THE AND ADMIT THAT FEARFUL CREATURE? NEVER!!

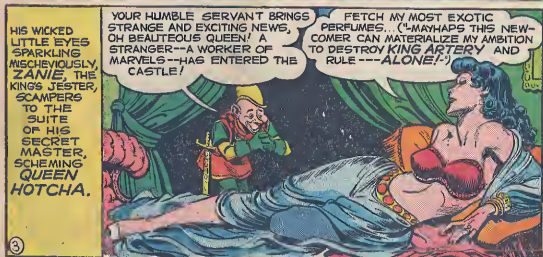


YOU ARE INDEED A WONDROUS WIZARD!



TWO SCHEMING PAIRS OF EYES OBSERVE THE UNIQUE ENTRY.

AND A RIVAL SORCERER, AT THAT! TEE-HEE! YOU FEAR HE MAY PROVE A RIVAL FOR THE KING'S FAVOR, EH, SCHMERLIN??



FETCH MY MOST EXOTIC PERFUMES... ('-MAYHAPS THIS NEW-COMER CAN MATERIALIZE MY AMBITION TO DESTROY KING ARTERY AND RULE ---ALONE!-')

HIS WICKED LITTLE EYES SPARKLING MISCHIEVOUSLY, ZANIE, THE KING'S JESTER, SCAMPERS TO THE SUITE OF HIS SECRET MASTER, SCHEMING QUEEN HOTCHA.

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SOON AFTER, FUNNYMAN IS RECEIVED IN A MANNER BEFITTING A VISITING MAGICIAN.

WELCOME TO MY KINGDOM. WOULDST THOU CARE TO WITNESS SCHMERLIN, THE COURT MAGICIAN, DEMONSTRATE HIS ARTS?

WHY NOT?

HM-MPH!



SCHMERLIN PERFORMS SEVERAL SIMPLE TRICKS.

BEHOLD! WATER INTO BLOOD!

PHOOIE! ARE YOU CORNY! NO WONDER VAUDEVILLE IS DEAD!

IF THE HONOR-EO GUEST FEELS HE CAN DO BETTER, HE IS WELCOME TO TRY!



THE PRINCE OF PRANKSTERS ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE. HE WHIPS AN ALARM-CLOCK FROM HIS FLOPPY JEANS.

IT LITERALLY TELLS TIME!

HE IS INDEED A MIRACLE MAN!



FUNNYMAN DASHES OFF TO THE JET-JALLOPY AND RETURNS WITH AN EVEN GREATER SENSATION.

A GIFT FROM ME TO YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!

DELIGHTFUL!



HOWZIS FER A YOK-GETTER? A RABBIT OUTA SCHMERLIN'S BONNET!

BY MY ANCESTORS, YOU ARE THE GREATEST WIZARD OF THEM ALL! WOULD THAT YOU WERE MY COURT MAGICIAN.

LOUT!



ZANIE! OUR GUEST HAS OFFERED MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF ENTERTAINMENT. TITILLATE HIM WITH SOME TOMFOOLERY!

TEE-HEE! AS YOU COMMANO, MOST MIGHTY OF ALL MONARCHS!



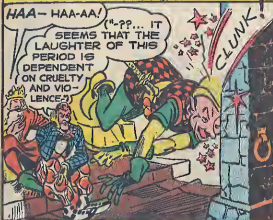
YOU'LL BE ENTRANCED! ZANIE IS THE MOST COMICAL JESTER IN ALL THE KINGDOMS! (CHUCKLE)

YEAH? OOO HE'S NEVER MADE TH' TOP HOOPER RATINGS!

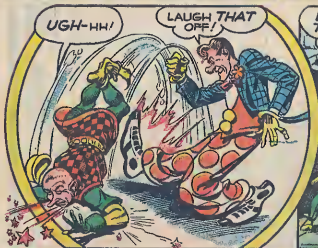


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DELIBERATELY, ZANIE SPRINTS ACROSS THE THRONE ROOM AT TOP SPEED, THEN...



NEXT, THE JESTER PURSUES A CRIPPLED LAD ABOUT THE ROOM, WHACKING HIM WITH A BLADDER.



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SPUTTERING WITH FURY,
FUNNYMAN'S Foe HOISTS-A
WATER-BAG ALOFT, AND CHARGES...

WE'LL SEE
WHO IS REALLY
THE FOOL!

MAY I?

YOU MAY!

A LITTLE DAMP BEHIND THE EARS,
AREN'T YOU??

(GASP!)
(SPLUTTER)

LATER

I HATE HIM!
OH, HOW I
HATE HIM!!

YOU'LL HAVE YOUR
VENGEANCE, MY
FAITHFUL FOOL,
AFTER YOU LURE
HIM INTO MY TOILS!

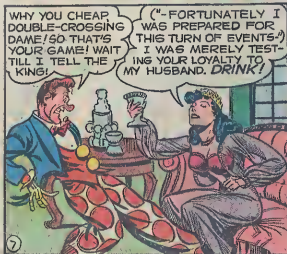
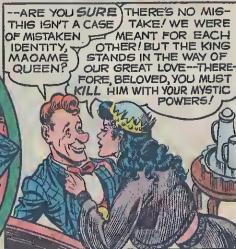
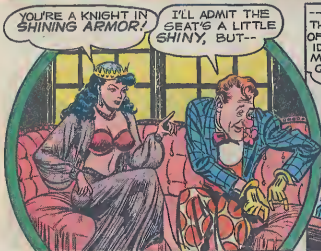
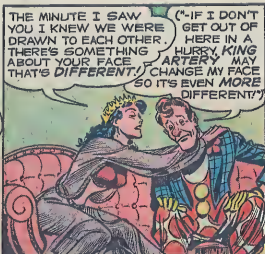
AND SO--LATER STILL...

THIS IS THE STRANGER'S
CHAMBER. IF THE RED-NOSED
ONE OBEYS THIS NOTE'S
INSTRUCTIONS...TEE-HEE-
HEE-EE...HE'S DOOMED!

THIS NOTE--WRIT IN A
FEMININE HAND--IMPLORES
ME TO FOLLOW THE BEAN-
TRAIL...FOR THE SAKE OF A
LOVELY LADY!--I DOOD ED IT!!

G-G-GULP!!

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YOU WILL SEEK AUDIENCE BEFORE THE KING---BE-CAUSE HE PROFESSED SUCH ADMIRATION FOR YOU, YOU WON'T BE SUSPECTED. THEN--YOU KILL HIM!

I--KILL--HIM..

SPLENDID SCHMERLIN! SOON THE THRONE WILL BE SOLELY MINE!



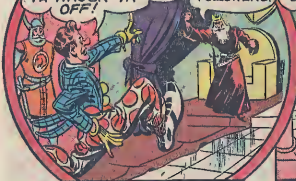
BUT, AFTER THE **SLAPHAPPY SLUGGER**, LEAVES THE PLOTTERS' PRESENCE...

WHOW! GOOD THING I SPILLED OUT HALF THAT DRUGGED DRINK, UNNOTICED BY THE QUEEN. I HAD JUST ENOUGH WILL-POWER TO SUCCESSFULLY RESIST **SCHMERLIN'S** AUTO-SUGGESTION!



HEY KINGIE! YA GOTTA GET HEP! **ZANIE, SCHMERLIN, AN' TH' OL' QUEEN-BEE** HERSELF ARE PLANNIN' TA KNOCK YA OFF!

YOU DARE TO INSULT THE QUEEN, AND MY LOYAL FOLLOWERS!



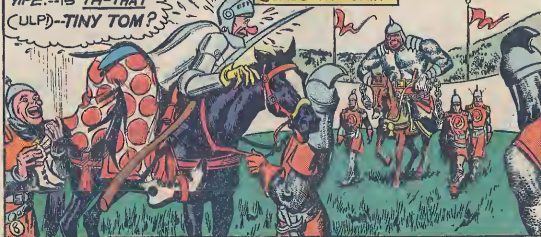
TAKE HIM AWAY! THERE'S ONLY ONE FIT FATE FOR SUCH CARRION! ON THE MORROW, HE SHALL BATTLE **TINY TOM!**

PODIE ON YOU, YOU BLIND FOOL! AN' AS FOR THAT SHRIMPY LITTLE GINK-- **TINY TOM--** I'LL KNOCK TH' STUFFIN' OUTA HIM!

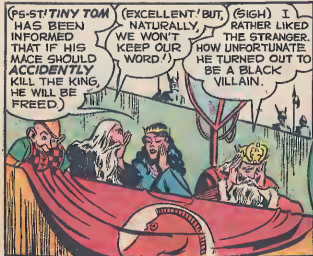


YIPE!--IS TH-THAT (ULP)--**TINY TOM?**

COMES THE DAWN

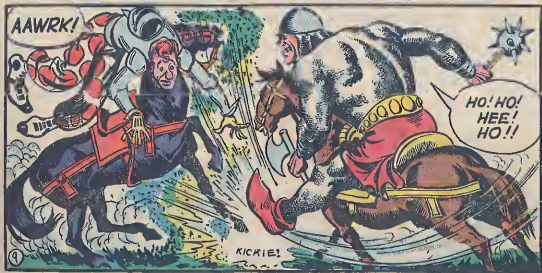


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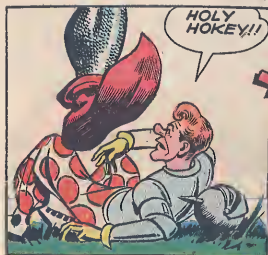


TINY TOM'S MANACLES ARE REMOVED. HE IS ARMED WITH GIANT MACE AND AXE. THEN--A GONG CLANGS--HERALDS TOOT TRUMPETS ...AND THE MAIN EVENT IS ON!

HAWWW-
HAWWW-
HAWWW!!!



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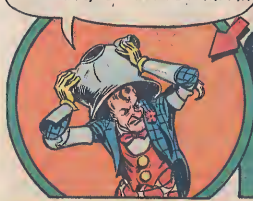
HOLY HOKEY!!



THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

WHAM!

TO HECK WITH THIS STEEL STRAIGHT-JACKET! I'LL SHED IT AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN--STILL BETTER, FIGHT LIKE FUNNYMAN!!



AGILEY, THE FIGHTING FOOL ELUDES HIS BROBDINGNAGIAN OPPONENT'S STAMPING FEET...



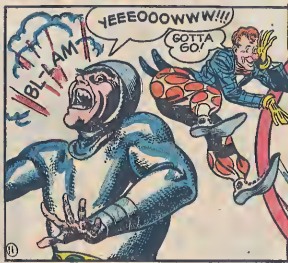
STRATEGY...THAS WOT TH' SITUATION CALLS FER!

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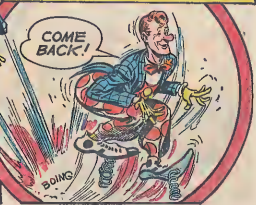
UP A TALL POLE HE CLIMBERS WITH ANTHROPOID SKILL.



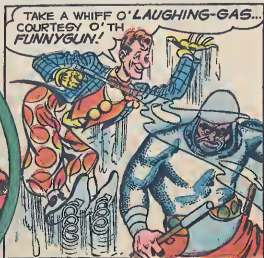
"THIS CALLS FOR QUICK ACTION-- AND A SWIFTER GETAWAY!"



AS FUNNYMAN STRIKES EARTH, HE RELEASES THE SPRINGS IN THE SOLES OF HIS SHOES, AND THE RE-COIL SENDS HIM HURTLING UPWARD AGAIN.



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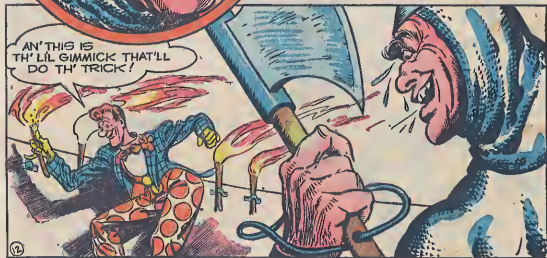


THE COLOSSAL CREATURE COUGHS-- RUBS ITS WATERING EYES UNCOMPREHENDINGLY-- THEN... LAUGHS AND LAUGHS, AND LAUGHS!!!

STILL CACKLING, BUT HALF-BLINDED, THE MONSTER CONTINUES ITS ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE VEXING FOE!

HAAA-A--AAA HO-HO-HO-HEEE-HEEE-HEEE! HAWW-HAAA-HAA-HAWWW-HAAA-HAWW- (COUGH!) HYAAAH-AAH... (COUGH!)...

HEE-EEE-HEE-EEE-HAAA-AA AHH-! CAN'T LET THIS GO ON INDEFINITELY! I'LL HAVE TO APPLY THE FINISHING TOUCH!



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LOOKY WOT I GOT FER YA!
FREE FER NUTTIN'!

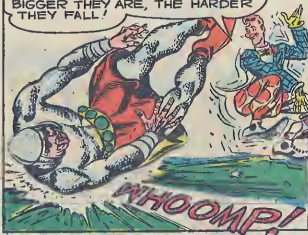


YOWW!!!

GEE! I GUESS
THIS MAKES ME
TH' GREATEST HOT-
FOOT CHAMP O' ALL
TIME!!



YEP! IT'S STILL TRUE. THE
BIGGER THEY ARE, THE HARDER
THEY FALL!



THE MIGHTY FALL HAS STUN-
NED TINY TOM. BUT REALIZING
HE IS RAPIDLY SINKING INTO
UNCONSCIOUSNESS, AND RE-
CALLING HIS PROMISE-- HE
PAINFULLY FORCES HIMSELF
SLIGHTLY UPWARD, AND...



.. LAUNCHES FLASHING DEATH TOWARD
THE KING!



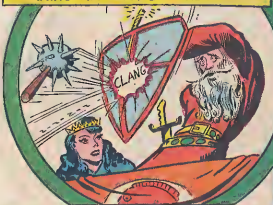
FUNNYMAN MAKES HISTORY
BY FIRING FROM THE
FUNNYGUN, FOR THE FIRST
TIME, A PLAIN, ORDINARY BULLET!

IT'S AGAINST ME
PRINCIPLES... BUT THE END
JUSTIFIES THE MEANS!



FUNNYMAN

FUNNYMAN'S BULLET PIERCES A ROPE SUSPENDING AN ORNAMENTAL SHIELD A FEW FEET BEFORE AND ABOVE KING ARTERY'S HEAD.

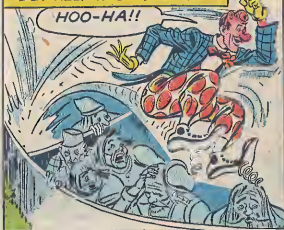


QUICK-- WHILE THE KING'S GUARDS ARE DISTRACTED. KILL HIM! THE ASSASSIN WILL RECEIVE ONE-FOURTH OF THE KINGDOM!



BUT HELP IS ON THE WAY!

HOO-HA!!



THE MAGNIFICENT STRANGER!

RIGHT, YOUR HIGHNESS!



TO THINK I HAD YOU SLATED FOR EXTINCTION-- WHEN YOUR SINCERE WARNING WAS ABSOLUTELY TRUE CAN YOU FORGIVE ME?

AW! IT WAS NUTTIN'!

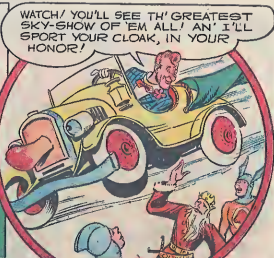
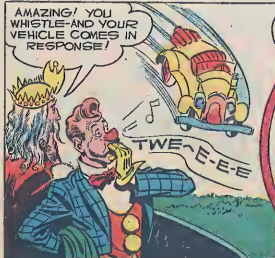


AS A SYMBOL OF MY GRATITUDE, I AWARD YOU THIS GLOAK, WHICH HAS BEEN IN MY FAMILY FOR CENTURIES. AND I REQUEST YOU TO ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF KING'S COUNSELLOR!

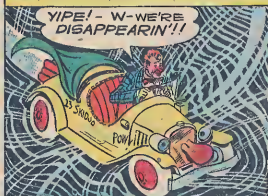
GEE! THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION!



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THRU MEDIEVAL SKIES LOOPS AND CAVORTS A JET-PROPELLED VEHICLE. BUT SUDDENLY--IN THE MIDST OF A SWOOPING CURVE.....



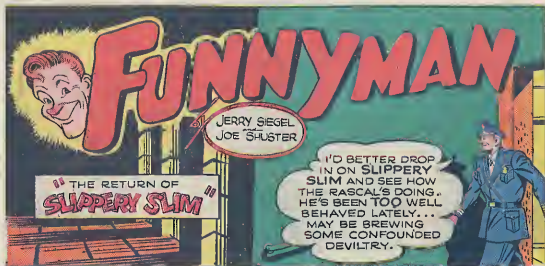
NEXT INSTANT--FUNNYMAN AND JET-JALLOPY MATERIALIZE IN THE DARK OF NIGHT.

WHEE!-THE TIME-TRAVELLING EFFECTS WORE OFF! BUT WAIT! ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUMENTS, IT'S ONLY A BRIEF SECOND SINCE THE LIGHTNING STRUCK!



(SIGH!) KNIGHTS--OGRES--MEDIEVAL TIMES!--SO IT WAS JUST A FIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION! BUT IT SEEMED SO REAL!





FUNNYMAN

HARRIGAN REVIVES.

OH-HH, MY HEAD! --(GROAN!)...WHEN THE INSPECTOR HEARS O' THIS, IT'LL BE OFF WITH ME HEAD!

SGT. HARRIGAN!

STOP ACTING LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A MAN IN SHORTS BEFORE, AND STRIP OFF YOUR UNIFORM! AT ONCE, I SAY!!

IF I HURRY, I MAY NAB THE ROTTER BEFORE HE MAKES GOOD HIS GETAWAY!

MEANWHILE, APPROACHING POLICE HEADQUARTERS: DYNAMIC COMIC, LARRY DAVIS.

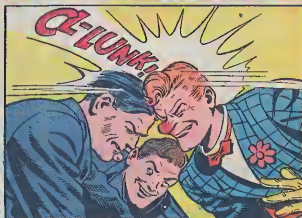
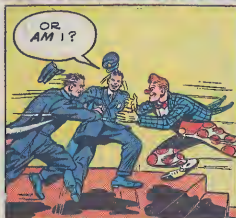
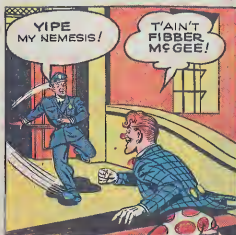
THINK I'LL DROP IN ON SGT. HARRIGAN FOR SOME MORE INSIDE TIPS ON "THE ART OF SCIENTIFIC CRIME DETECTION"!!

("-THAT COP ISN'T A COP! I RECOGNIZE HIS FEATURES! IT'S SLIPPERY SLIM -- ON THE LOOSE -- AGAIN!-")

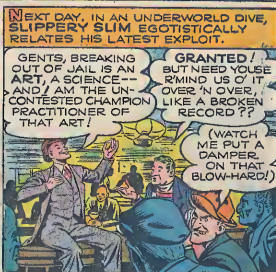
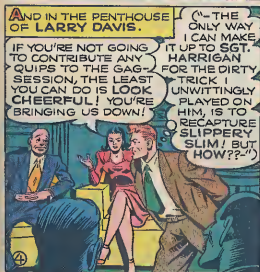
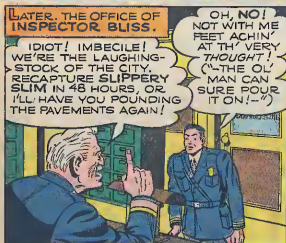
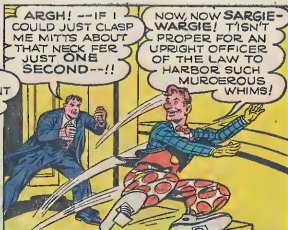
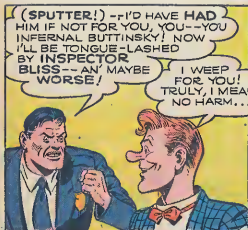
DARTING INTO AN EMPTY AUTO, LARRY BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS FOR SPEED IN CHANGING IDENTITIES.

COMING UP!
AN ORDER OF
HAM -- AND --
FUNNYMAN!!!

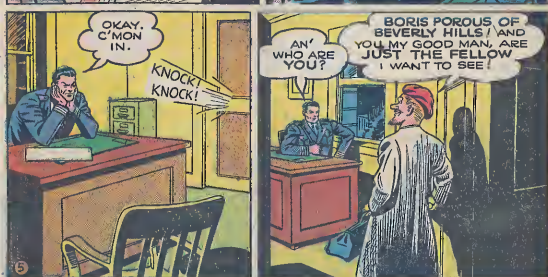
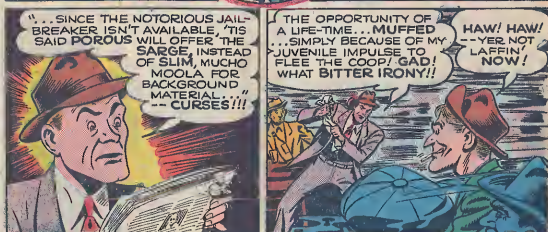
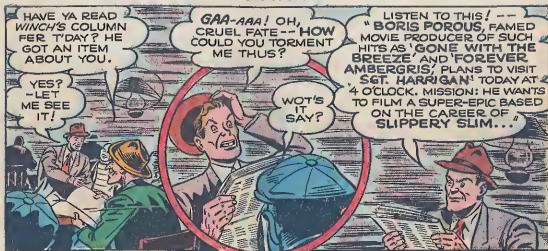
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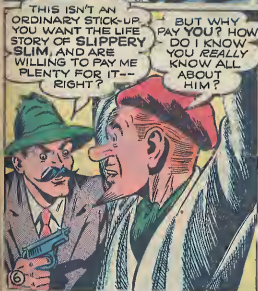
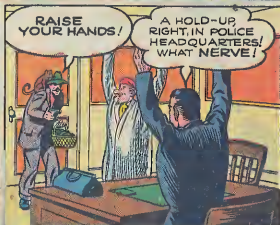
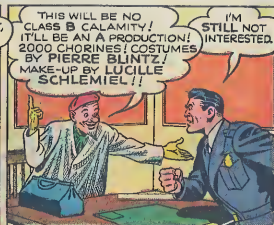
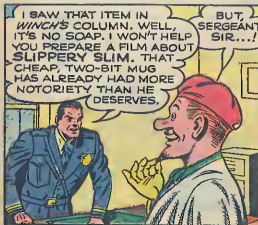
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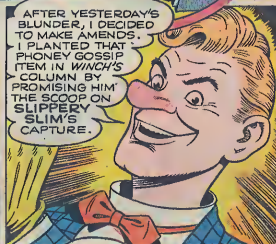
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THE AMATEUR GANGSTER

by Ray Gardner

MITTS TARRANT fancied himself as an amateur gangster. Not that he wouldn't take money for being a gangster; he just hadn't thought of a way to make it pay off for him yet. "It's all on account of I'm so careful," he would tell his cronies down in the Marble Hill section of town. "I never make a mistake."

He never did, either — well, hardly ever. Mitts came from the same part of town as the rest of the bunch. Marble Hill used to be the place for swells, about fifty years ago. Now it was just a batch of tenements, where guys like Mitts were born, year in and year out. Only most of them weren't as dumb as Mitts. Or as smart, whichever way you want to look at it.

As a starter, Mitts collected guns. He found an old Webley automatic, took it apart with his big hands, polished and cleaned it. Mitts had large hands, with long fingers, and could work wonders with tiny things like watch works or delicate springs on guns. He could have been a watch-maker. But Mitts wanted to be a gangster. And the Webley was his start.

After the Webley, came a Colt and a Smith-and-Wesson. He kept all three oiled and cleaned and neatly polished. He bought old holsters in the pawnshops and wore them all over himself, under his armpits, around his waist, and tucked under his trouser legs. Once he even went so far as to fashion a holster for a tiny automatic so he could carry it in his hat. He thought that was a good idea, except that when Mitts first put his new holster on display, a catch loosened and the gun fell out, hit the floor, and shot Rocky Nagle through the big toe. Rocky was a pretty tough boy. Mitts beat it before he could climb back up off the floor with his own rod out and spitting flame and lead.

Mitts went into hiding then, and two months later an F.B.I. squad headed by Jim Fallon cut Rocky down when he foolishly tried to argue with a dozen G-man machine-guns. Mitts came back to town, with a Thompson sub-machine gun as part of his collection. He announced that he was ready for business.

His first job was the Last National Bank. Mitts loaded himself down with all his weapons, hired a taxi and got out a block from the bank. Checking the address from a newspaper clipping which announced that ten million dollars had been deposited yesterday at the bank, he started off.

Outside the revolving doors, Mitts looked around, saw the sidewalk momentarily empty, then yanked his two biggest revolvers and leaped in.

"Stick 'em up! Get 'em up! One false move and I shoot to kill!" he roared.

The bank was very quiet. Everybody had their hands up. Everybody, that is, but four desperate-looking characters with masks over their faces, who stood gawking at the heavily armed Mitts.

"My golly!" thought Mitts. "I'm robbing a bank that's already being robbed!"

He tried to shove his guns back into his pockets, but one of them went off. The masked men figured Mitts was shooting at them, so they whirled and fired back. Bullets zipped past him. He turned to run, heard a police siren wailing. Then the masked men were on top of him, knocking him down and rushing wildly over his prostrate body in a headlong dash for the street.

Mitts staggered up and ran in the opposite direction, dropping pistols as he ran . . .

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Next day Mitts stared at the morning paper in disgust!

"How d'ya like dat?" he asked his cup of coffee. "Unknown Hero Saves Ten Million In Bank Holdup!" I set out to rob dat bank—and turn out to be a hero! It's disgusting!"

He walked up and down his room, hands behind his back. "I gotta think of something to save my reputation. I just gotta! Hmmm... I'm no good at robbin'. Maybe I could knock somebody off and get myself a reputation. Dat's it! I'll pull a stickup and if the guy shows fight, I'll bump 'im off!"

Mitts loaded himself down with the rest of his guns, and when it was dark, he set out on a walk around the town. He came finally to a dark alleyway near a theatre, where he saw a well-dressed man standing in the gloomy shadows near the stage door.

"Boy, dat guy is ripe fer da pickin'! Look at dat swell tuxedo he's got. Wheee! Dis'll be a cinch!"

Mitts tiptoed up behind the man, thrust the cold, round muzzle of his gun into the stranger's back. "Up with 'em, friend. Don't try no fight—or I blast ya!"

The man did not move. Mitts nudged him again, harder, with the end of his gun. "Ya bear me, bud? Turn around, wise guy!"

The man was still. Mitts lost his temper,

slammed the barrel of his gun against the man's head. The man whirled, leaped at Mitts. Mitts went over backwards, both guns roaring and flaming hot lead.

He heard the bullets thud into the man's body—thump! thump! thump! The man rolled over, free of Mitts. Without another look, his heart pounding, Mitts went tearing off down the alleyway.

Mitts exulted, "Boy, oh boy! Wait'll de gang on Marble Hill hears about dis. I'm a moiderer, I am! Dere's probably a police dragnet out for me right now. I better go into hiding!"

And Mitts slowed his pace, swung to the left and ran out onto a brightly lighted sidewalk. He muttered, "Dey won't look 'fer me here where everybody is walkin' and talkin'. Dis is really using me brains."

A little old lady was standing at the curb, looking very helpless as she stared back and forth at the lines of moving cars.

She said wistfully as Mitts came within ear-shot, "Dear, dear. I don't think I'm ever going to cross this street."

An inspiration came to Mitts. He grinned, "Lemme help ya, lady?"

"Oh, sir. You're so good. It would be a pleasure!"

"Da pleasure's all mine," replied Mitts, taking her elbow. He was thinking, "Da coppers will never suspect a guy helpin' an old lady across the street. Dis is a swell cover-up for a killer!"

When they had crossed the street, the old lady beamed at Mitts and said, "You're such a kind gentleman, I insist you come into my house while I make you a cup of tea."

This was *perfect*, thought Mitts! The police would never find him now! He was safe!

"Thank you, lady. I'll be glad to."

They walked slowly down one street and up the next, past a row of brownstone houses and into a dark sidestreet.

"Okay, sucker!" snapped the "old lady."

"Hand over your wallet!"

"HUH?" cried Mitts. "Hey, you ain't no dame! You're a —"

"That's right. A stickup man. Fork over, bud!"

Mitts stared at the deadly little automatic the "old lady" held, then reached into his back pocket and passed over his wallet.

"At least," he said to himself, "I still got the satisfaction of knowin' I bumped off a guy earlier tonight!"

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Mitts slammed the newspaper against the sunlight-dappled wall of his apartment in disgust.

"How d'ya like dat? A *clothing dummy*! I shot a clothing dummy last night! Da whole city must be laughin' at my stupidity! Boy, J'U never get to be Public Enemy Number One

at dis rate. Or even number *one-hundred*! I gotta think of somethin' else!"

Mitts went for a walk to calm down and think clearly. As he was passing a neat section of the city, he saw a little boy about nine years old playing catch. The boy was well-dressed, clean, and apparently the son of well-to-do parents.

Mitts began to grin. "Maybe I been missin' my opportunity. It's *kidnapping*! Sure, dat's my racket from now on. All I gotta do is lure the brat—"

He ran to the nearest stationery store and bought five cents' worth of bubble gum. "He'll fall fer dis, all right," chortled Mitts, as he sauntered carelessly along the sidewalk.

"Hiya, kiddo," he said to the boy. "Ya like bubble gum?"

"With me it's a business," the boy said. "I'm block champion at blowing up the stuff!"

"Ya are?" asked Mitts in surprise. "I was champeen of school 3526 when I was in da fift' grade. Hey—let's have a contest!"

So, chewing their bubble-gum, warming up to the real contest with four- and five-inch bubbles, Mitts and the boy went into the park.

Mitts put all his effort into one huge bubble. It grew and grew and grew—and blew up in his face! He was covered with deflated bubble-gum that hid his eyes, was all over his shirt front, and on his cheeks.

"Moider!" roared Mitts. "I'm a disgrace to da profession of gangster! Suppose da coppers see me?"

"Sssssh," whispered the boy. "Come along with me. I'll take you to my Boys' Club. Adults aren't allowed, but you can hide in a closet there while I get your clothes cleaned."

The boy led Mitts by the hand across the street, up a sidewalk and down another. They tiptoed into a room. Mitts, still with the bubble-gum on his face, let himself be put in a closet. He took off his shirt and coat and handed them to the boy.

The boy slammed the locker door. He said, "I'll send somebody to let you out, mister. In the meantime, don't bother looking for your coat. I'm taking it back with me. I'm helping myself to what's in your pockets. So long—gangster!"

Mitts roared. He fumbled for the door. There was no handle on the inside. He was going to have to wait here, shirtless and coatless, for somebody to let him out.

"I'm quittin'!" he yelled. "I'm goin' in fer some other means of making a few cents. It's pretty bad when a guy sets out to kidnap a kid—and winds up gettin' kidnapped himself!"

Today Mitts is a reformed gangster. You want to know what he does? Sssssh . . . don't tell anybody. He grows petunias. Does very nicely, too.

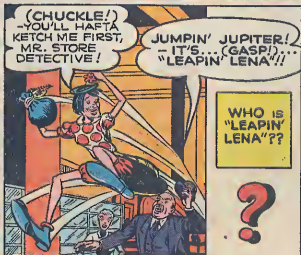
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THIS IS GOOSEQUILL MCFARTHINGALE -- FAMED BROADJUMPER.



AND THIS--(UGH!)--IS SPRING UPANDOWNE...FAMED HIGH-JUMPER.



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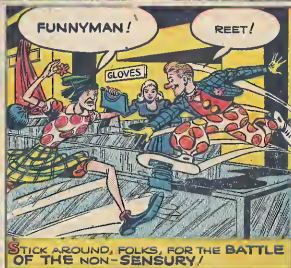
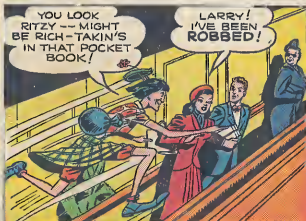
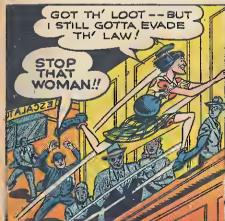
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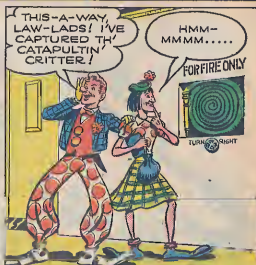
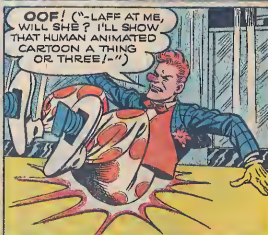
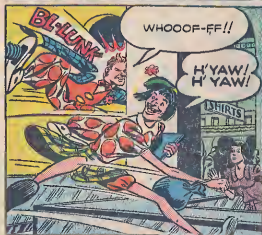
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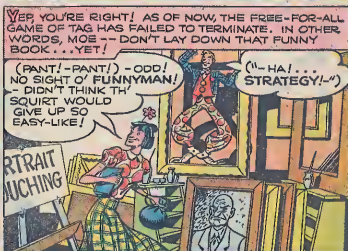
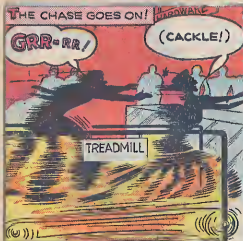
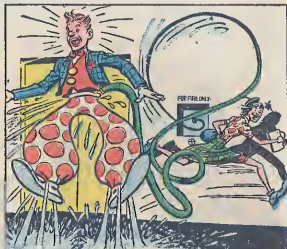
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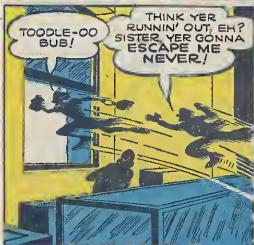
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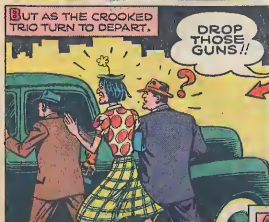
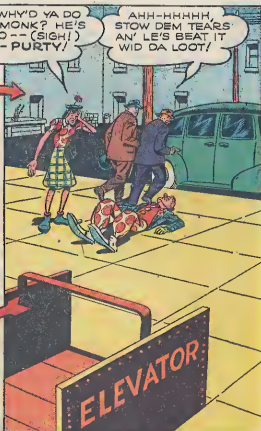
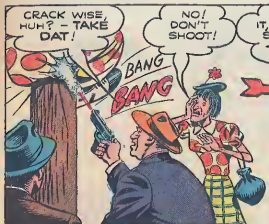
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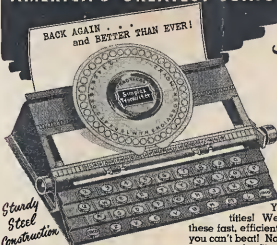
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